

CLAIMS

1. A method of making a sound content available, the method comprising a step of producing a sound content and sending it by means of a telephone terminal (10) and a 5 step of receiving (20) and storing (32) said sound content with a view to subsequent consultation by a telephone terminal, the method being characterized in that it comprises a step of the telephone terminal (10) producing the sound content that precedes and is 10 temporally separate from said step of the telephone terminal sending said sound content.
2. A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the step of producing the sound content includes the 15 production of a voice content included in the sound content.
3. A method according to claim 1 or claim 2, characterized in that the step of storage in memory in a 20 form adapted to be consulted consists in depositing the message in a telephone user's voice mailbox (34, 36, 38) as a message for that user.
4. A method according to claim 1 or claim 2, characterized in that the step of storage in memory in a 25 form adapted to be consulted consists in recording the message in an entity (39) for sending a voicemail greeting for a voice mailbox (38) as the voicemail greeting (39) of that voice mailbox (38). 30
5. A method according to any one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that the step of producing the sound content consists in composing an MMS message (15) including the sound content (17). 35
6. A method according to claim 5, characterized in that the MMS message contains an element consisting of the

sound content (17) and an element (19) consisting of the coordinates of at least one recipient of the sound content (34, 36, 38).

5 7. A method according to claim 6, characterized in that the coordinates of the recipient (34, 36, 38) of the sound content are telephone coordinates.

10 8. A method according to claim 6 or claim 7, characterized in that the element (19) consisting in the coordinates of the recipient(s) contains the coordinates of a plurality of recipients.

15 9. A method according to any one of claims 6 to 8, characterized in that it comprises the step of storing the sound content (17) in a series of voice mailboxes (34, 36, 38) of different recipients as indicated in said element (19) consisting of coordinates of the recipients (34, 36, 38).

20 10. A method according to any preceding claim, characterized in that the step of producing the sound content (17) comprises the step of modifying a voice recording (17) using sound processing functions provided 25 by the telephone terminal (10).

30 11. A method according to the preceding claim, characterized in that the step of producing the sound content (17) consists in producing a voice recording in a memory of the telephone terminal (10) and superimposing on that voice recording at least one sound content prestored in the memory of the telephone terminal (10).

35 12. A telecommunications device for making available a sound content (17) addressed to at least one telephone terminal holder, the device comprising a sound content receiver entity (20, 32) and a sound content storage

entity (34, 36, 38) that may be consulted by telephone, the device being characterized in that the receiving entity (20, 32) and the storage entity (34, 36, 38) are adapted to read a message (15) precomposed on a telephone 5 terminal before it is sent thereby and to store a sound content included in that message in memory in a form that may be consulted.

10 13. A device according to claim 12, characterized in that the storage entity (34, 36, 38) is a telephone user's voice mailbox (34, 36, 38).

15 14. A device according to claim 12, characterized in that the storage entity (34, 36, 38) is an entity (39) for sending a voicemail greeting for use by a voice mailbox (38) of a telephone user (10).

20 15. A device according to any one of claims 12 to 14, characterized in that the message receiver entity (20, 32) and the storage entity (34, 36, 39) for storage in a form that may be consulted are adapted to read an MMS message (15) and to store a sound content (17) included in that MMS message (15) in a form that may be consulted by telephone.

25 16. A device according to claim 15, characterized in that the message receiver entity (20, 32) comprises means for reading an MMS message (15), identifying and extracting coordinates of recipient(s) included in said message, and sending the sound content (17) of the MMS message (15) to one or more storage entities (34, 36, 38) corresponding to those recipient coordinates (19).